

Indigenizing Your Collection

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Did you know Blanche (Rue McClanahan) was Native? Anyone on [#NativeTwitter](#) can confirm or deny? I want to believe it. 😂



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Dr. Twyla Baker



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Replying to [@SSpottedElk](#)

lol - confirm! She is sister to Dr. Melinda McClanahan, who I served on the Board of AISES with. They're Choctaw. I never put it together until Melinda told me like two years after I'd met her. 😂🌟



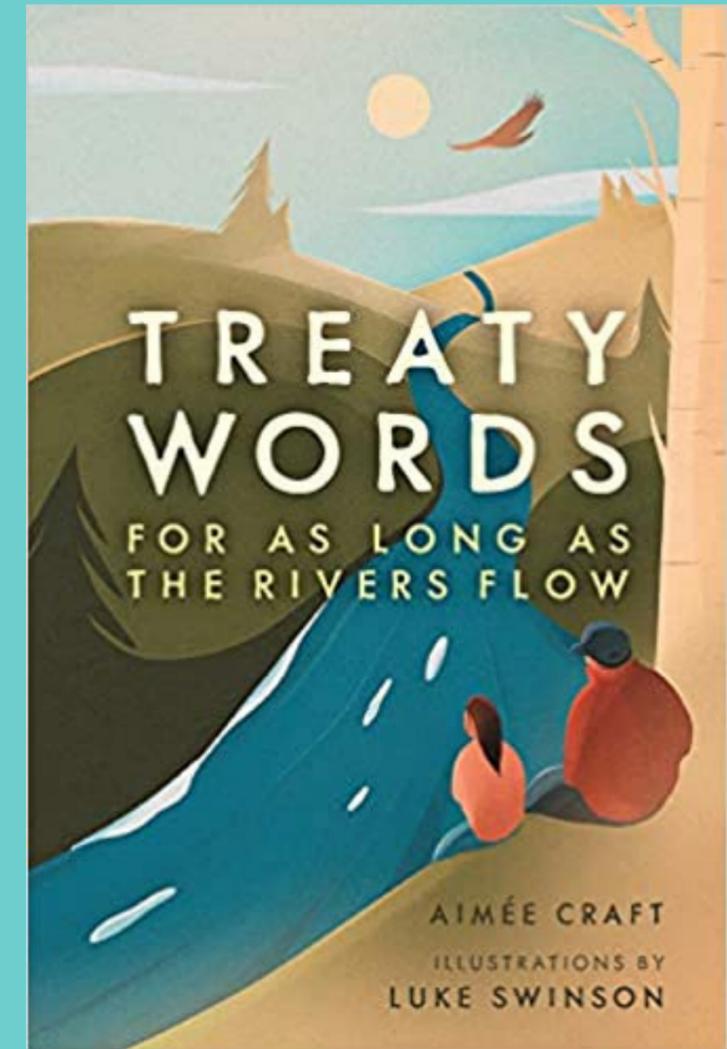
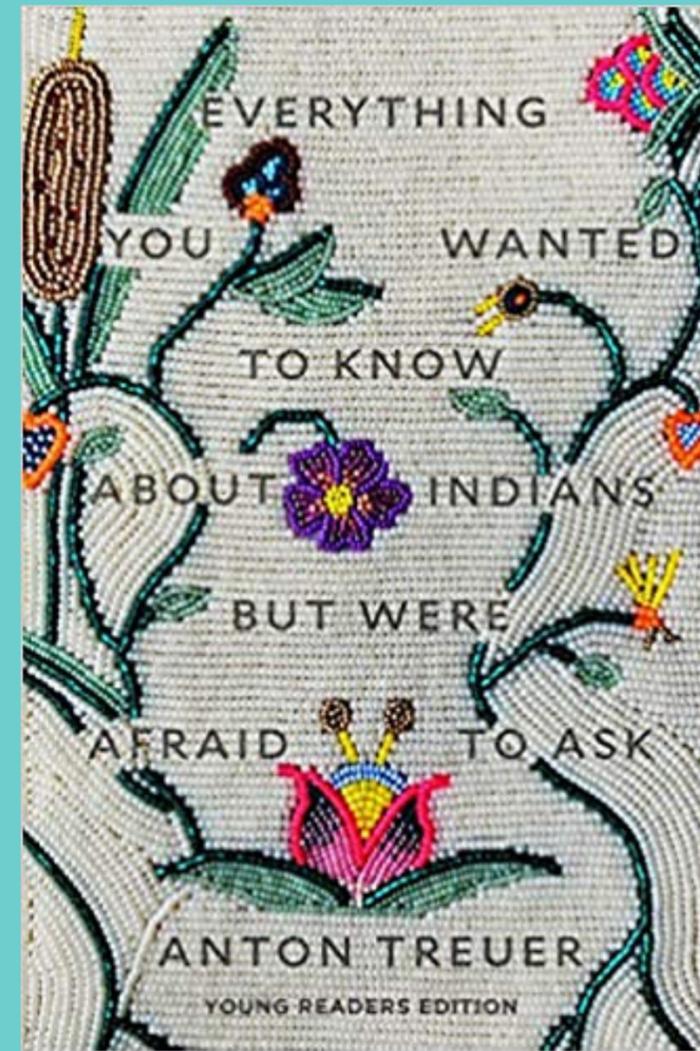
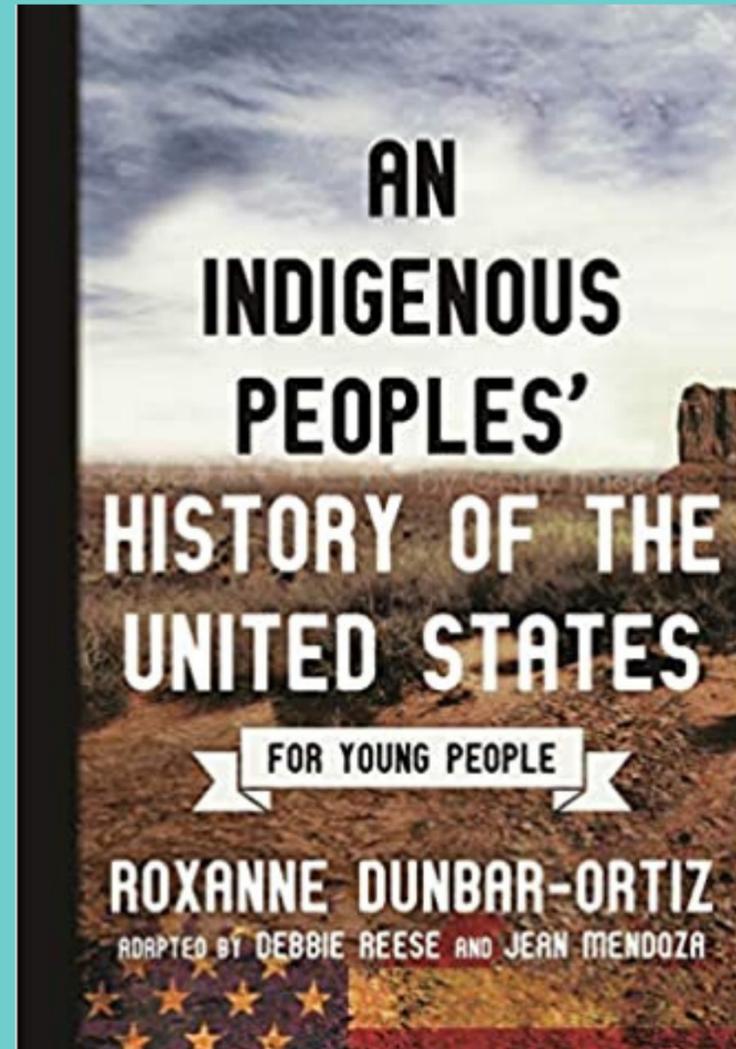
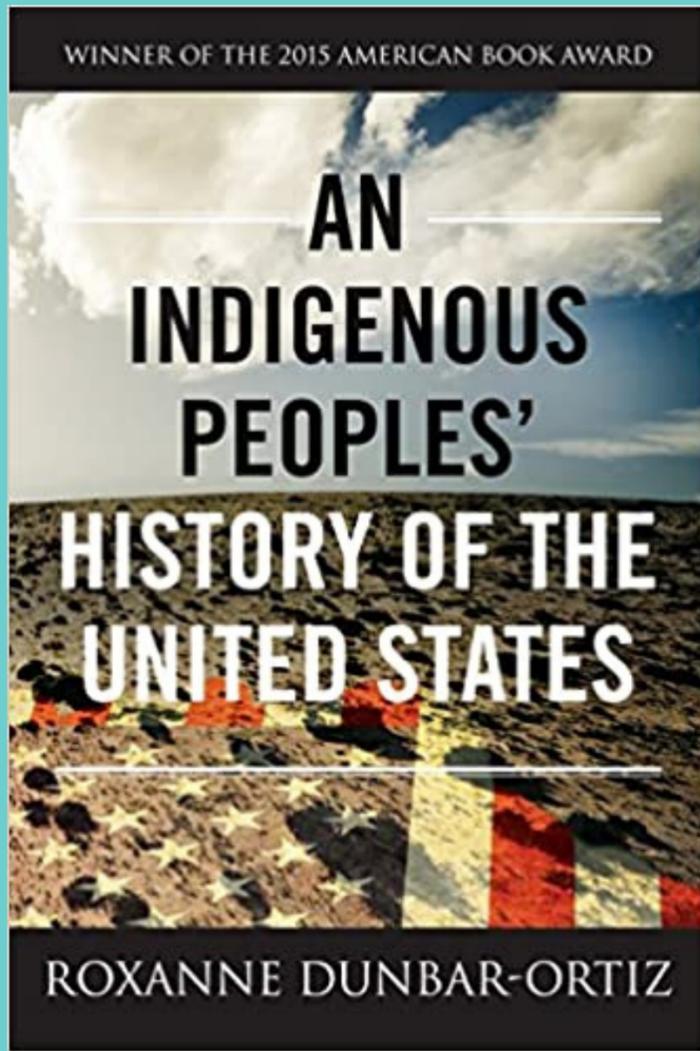
**Jennifer Harper (Anishinaabe),
Cheekbone Beauty Founder**

**Sierra Teller Ornelas (Navajo),
Creator of Rutherford Falls; screenwriter:
Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Happy Endings,
Splitting Up Together and Superstore**

**Robin Wall Kimmerer (Potawatomi),
Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology**

**Stephan Cheney (Lakota),
Former firefighter, Founder of High Rez Wood Company**

**Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo),
Secretary of the Interior**



What stories do you think of when you think about Native books?

What types of programming do you think of?



Going beyond November

Taking a closer look at your
collection and crafts:

- Thanksgiving
- Weeding
- Are you still making
dreamcatchers and teepees?



Partners

How would they like to partner?
What can you offer each other?

Ideas:

- Botany and Gardening
- Art
- Poetry
- Science

- School District's Indian Education Coordinator
- Your local tribe(s)
- Tribal language department
- Guest speakers

Authors to Know

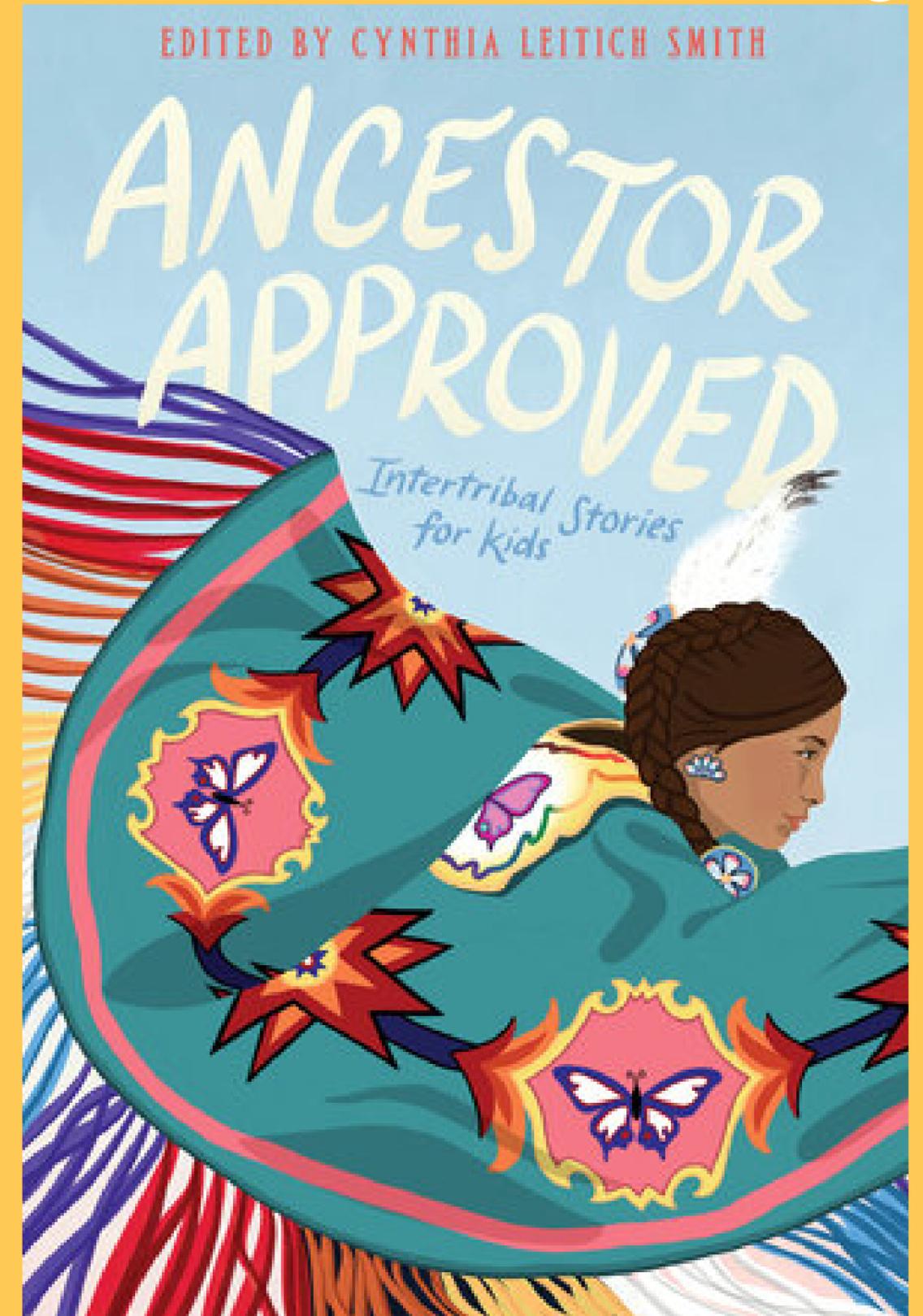
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Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek)

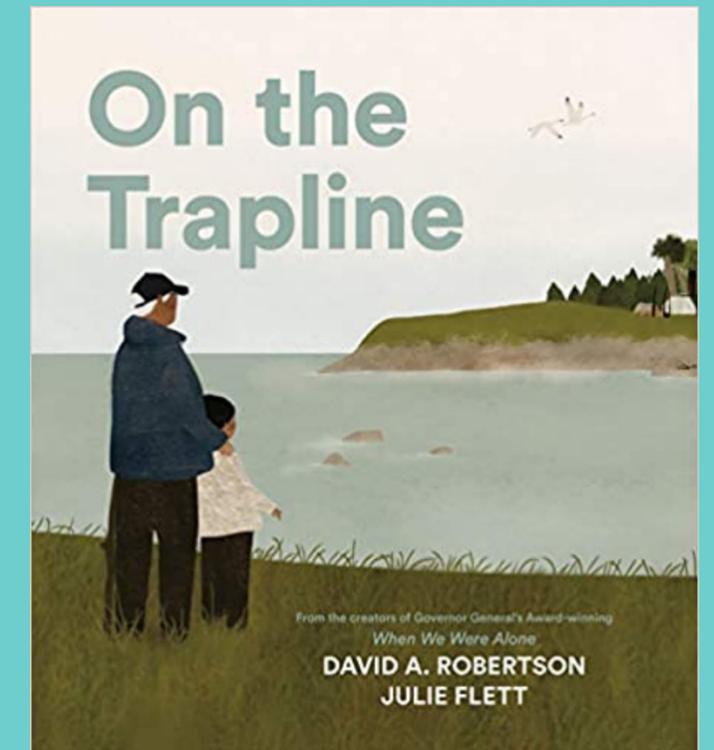
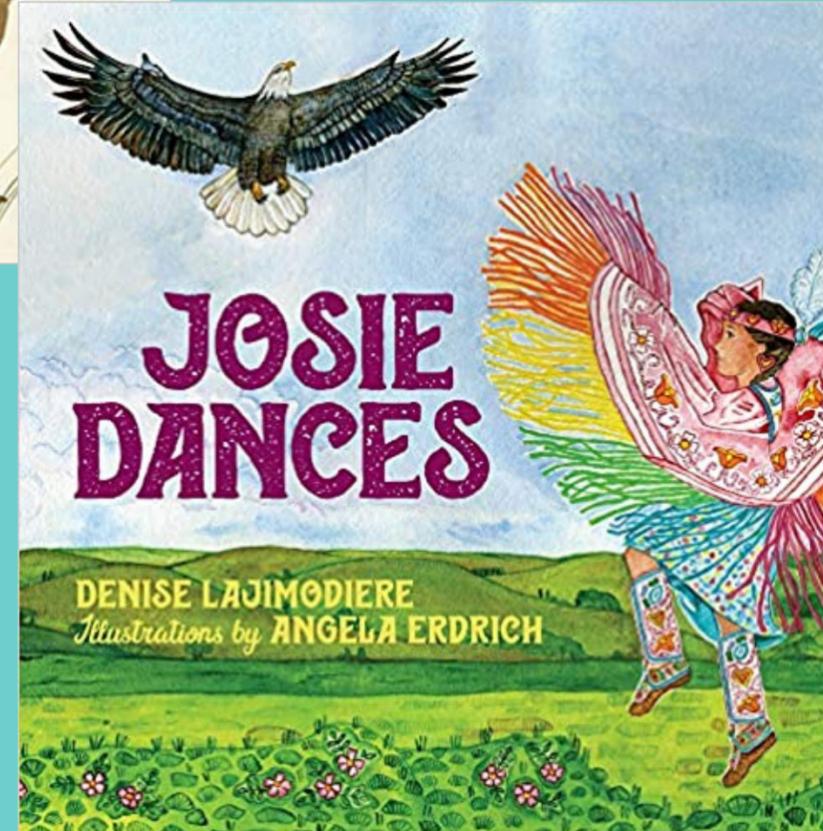
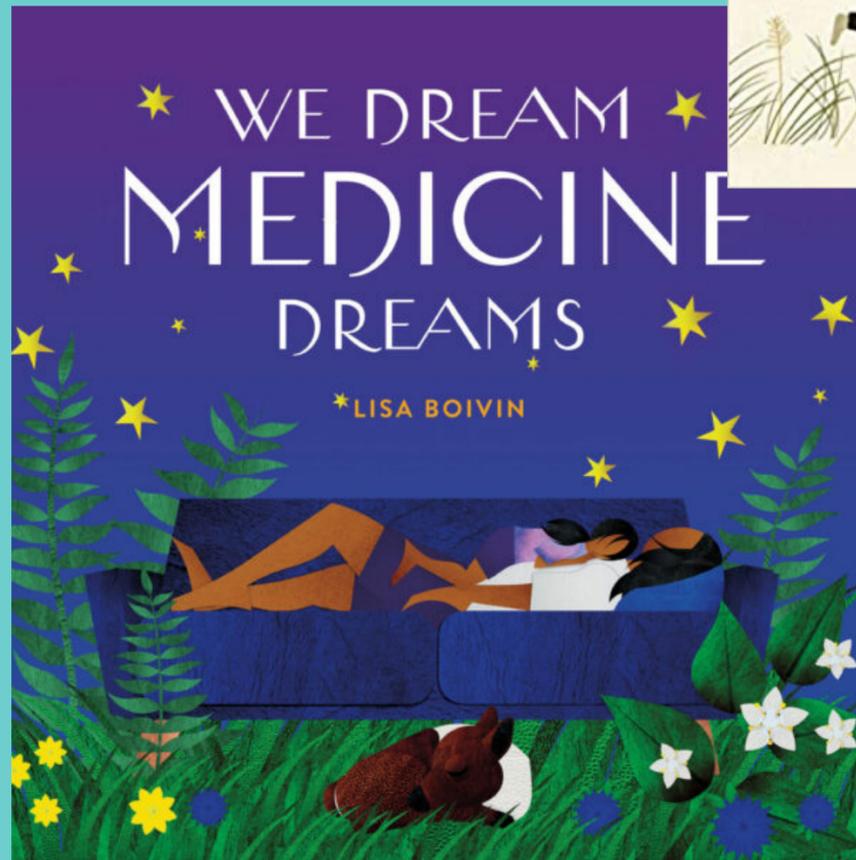
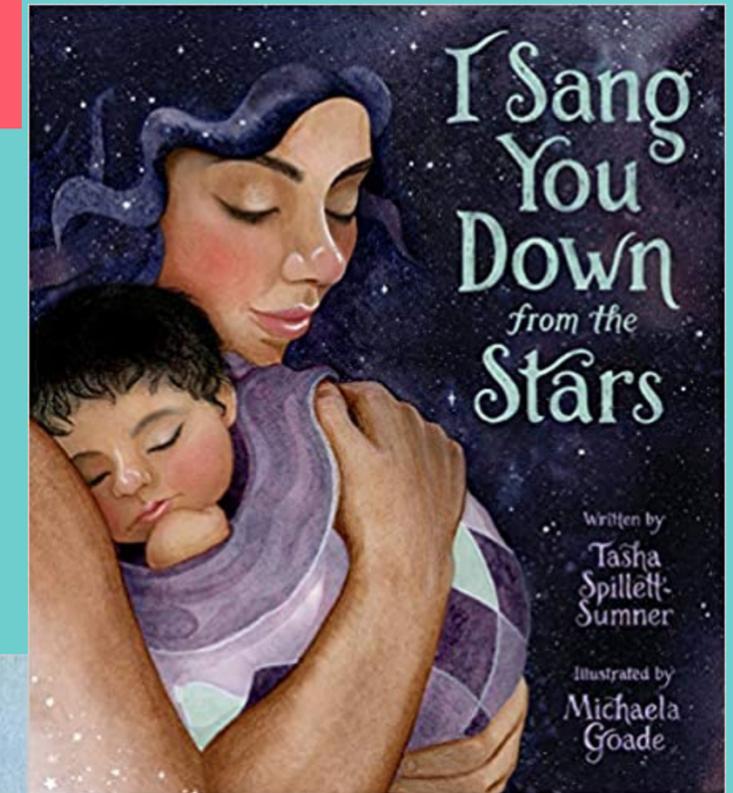
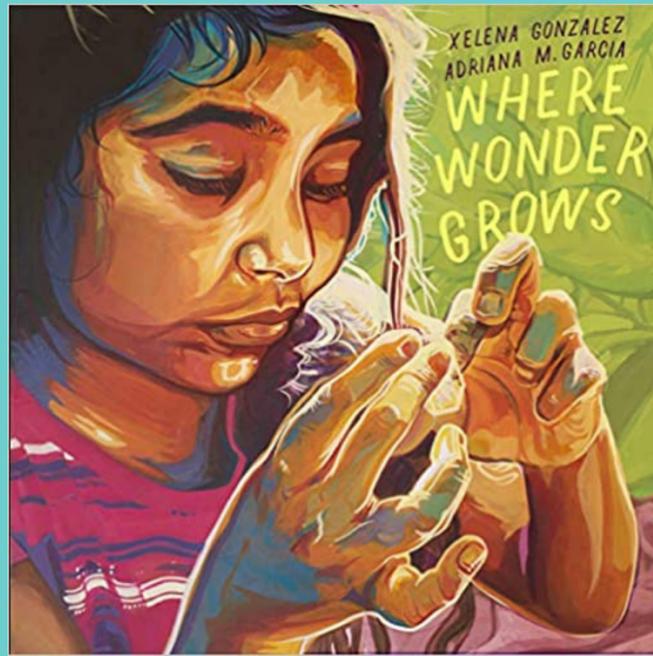
Monique Gray Smith (Cree and Lakota)

Traci Sorell (Cherokee Nation)

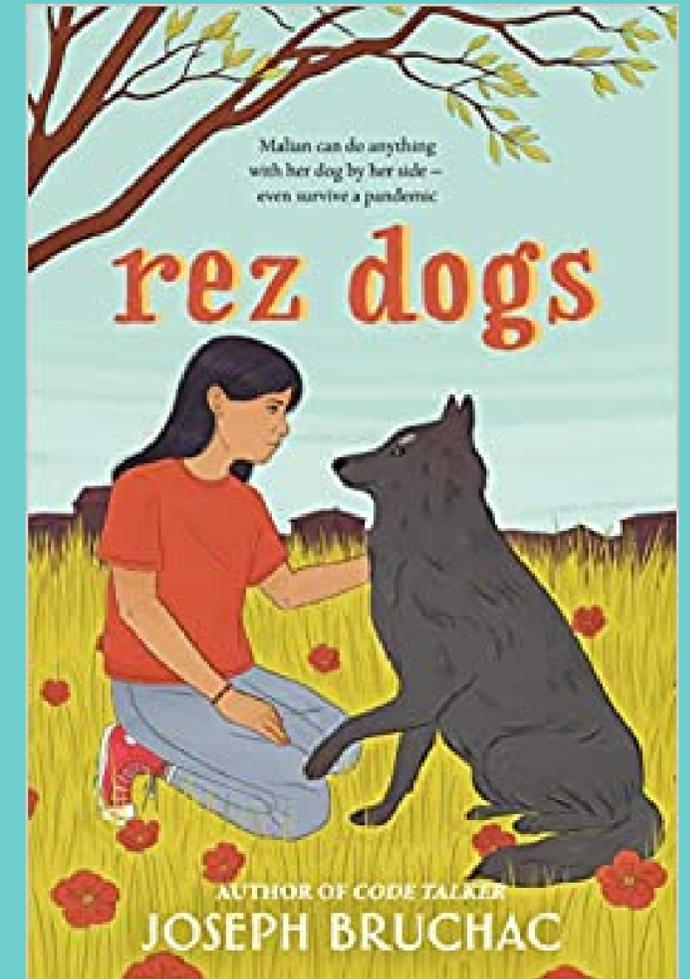
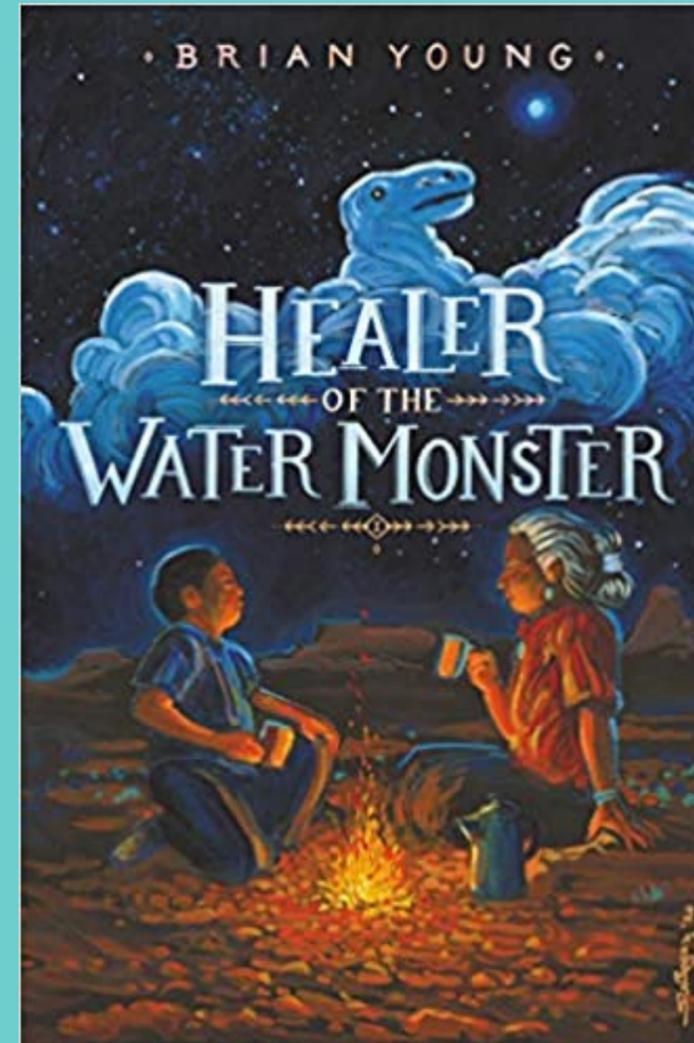
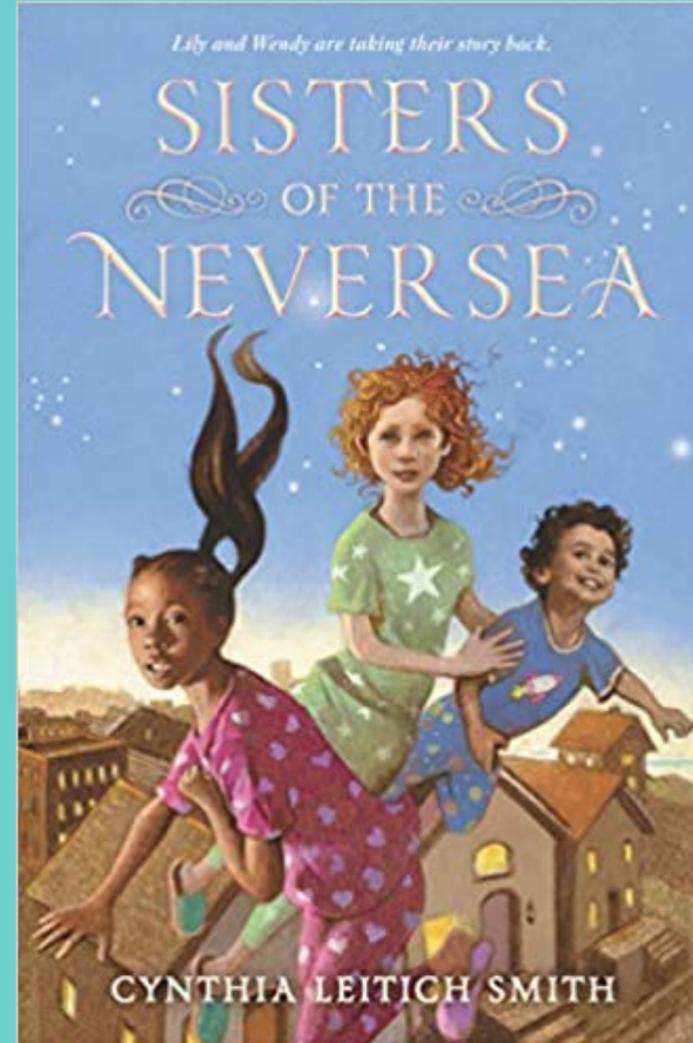
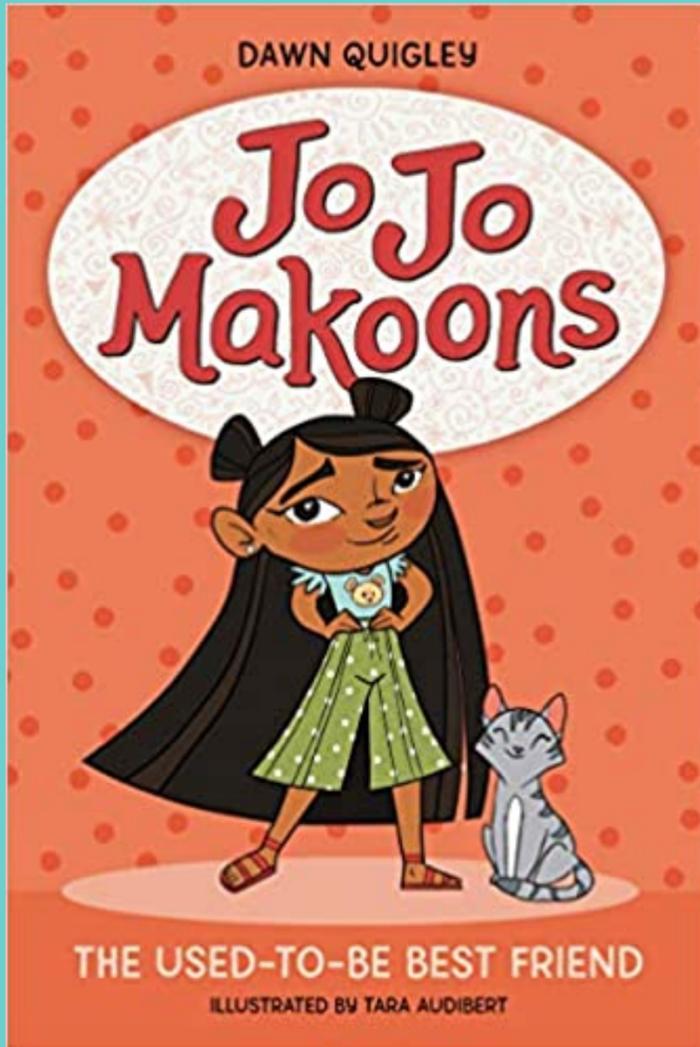
Christine Day (Upper Skagit)



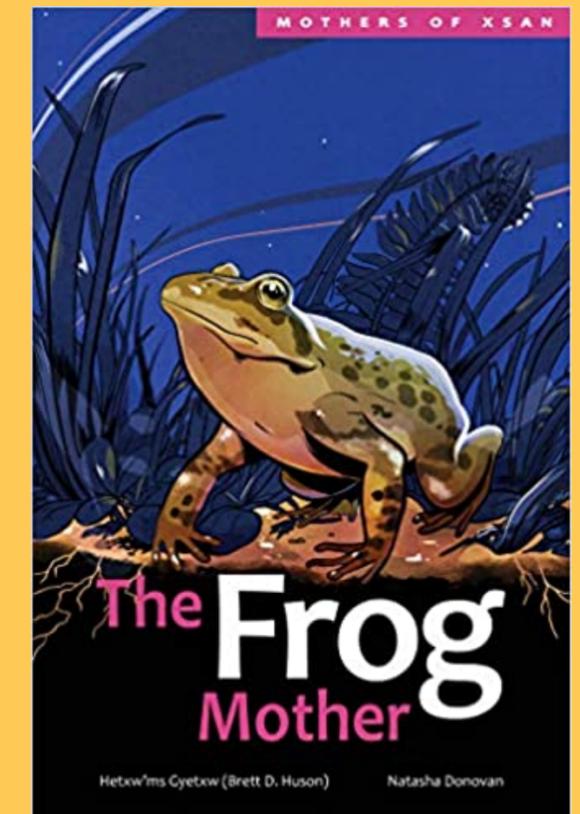
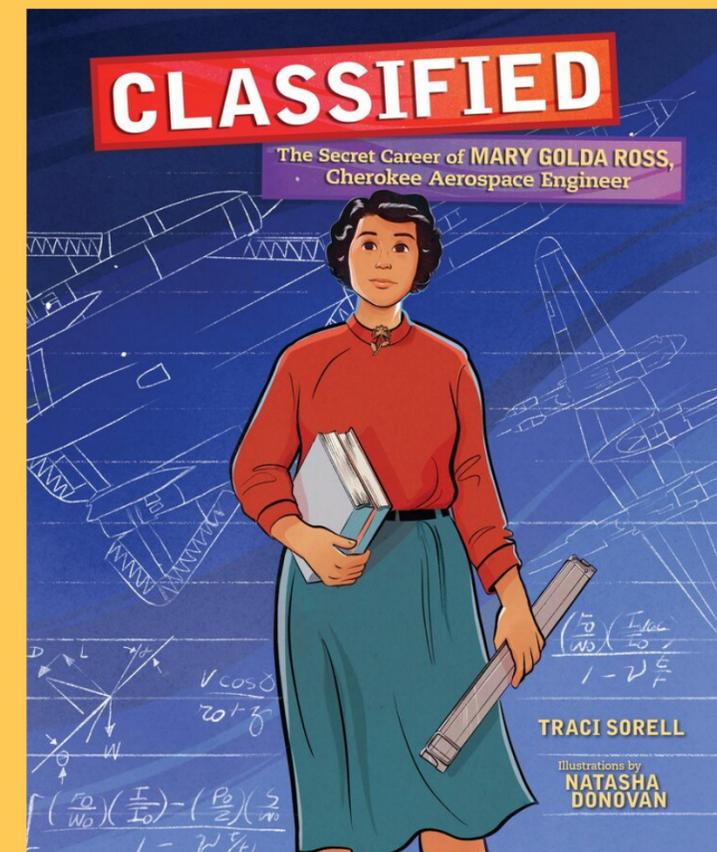
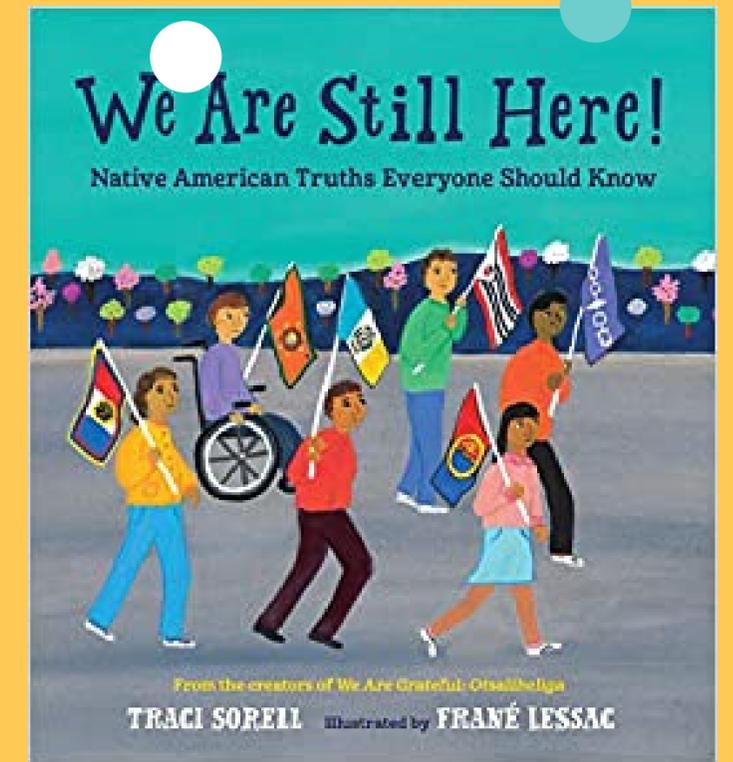
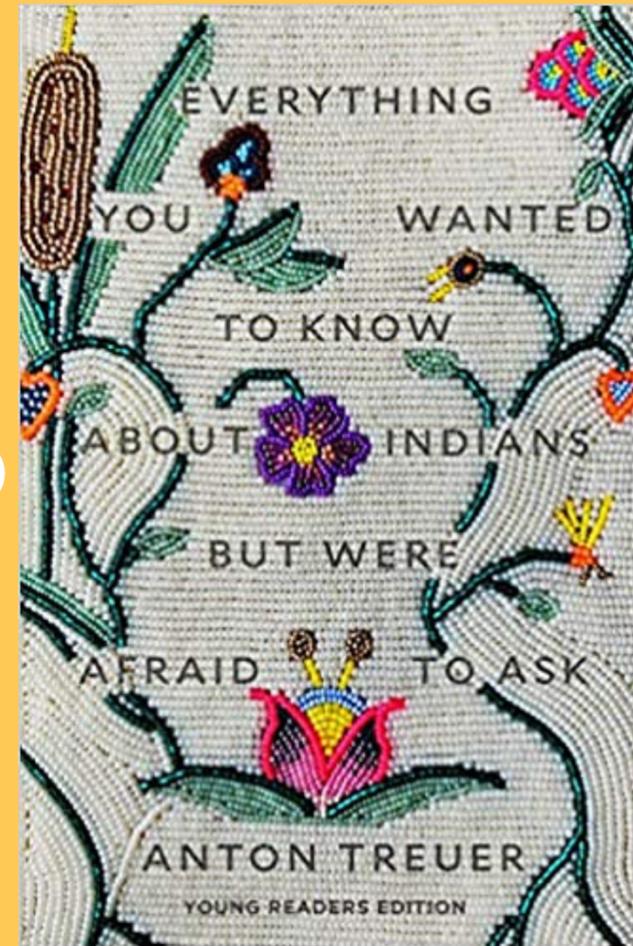
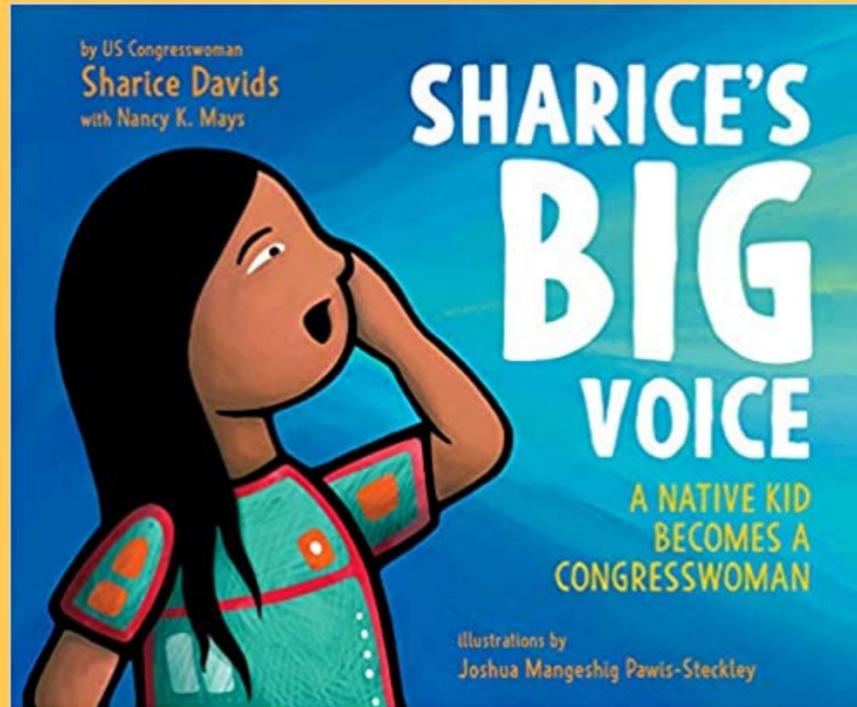
New Picture Books



New Chapter Books



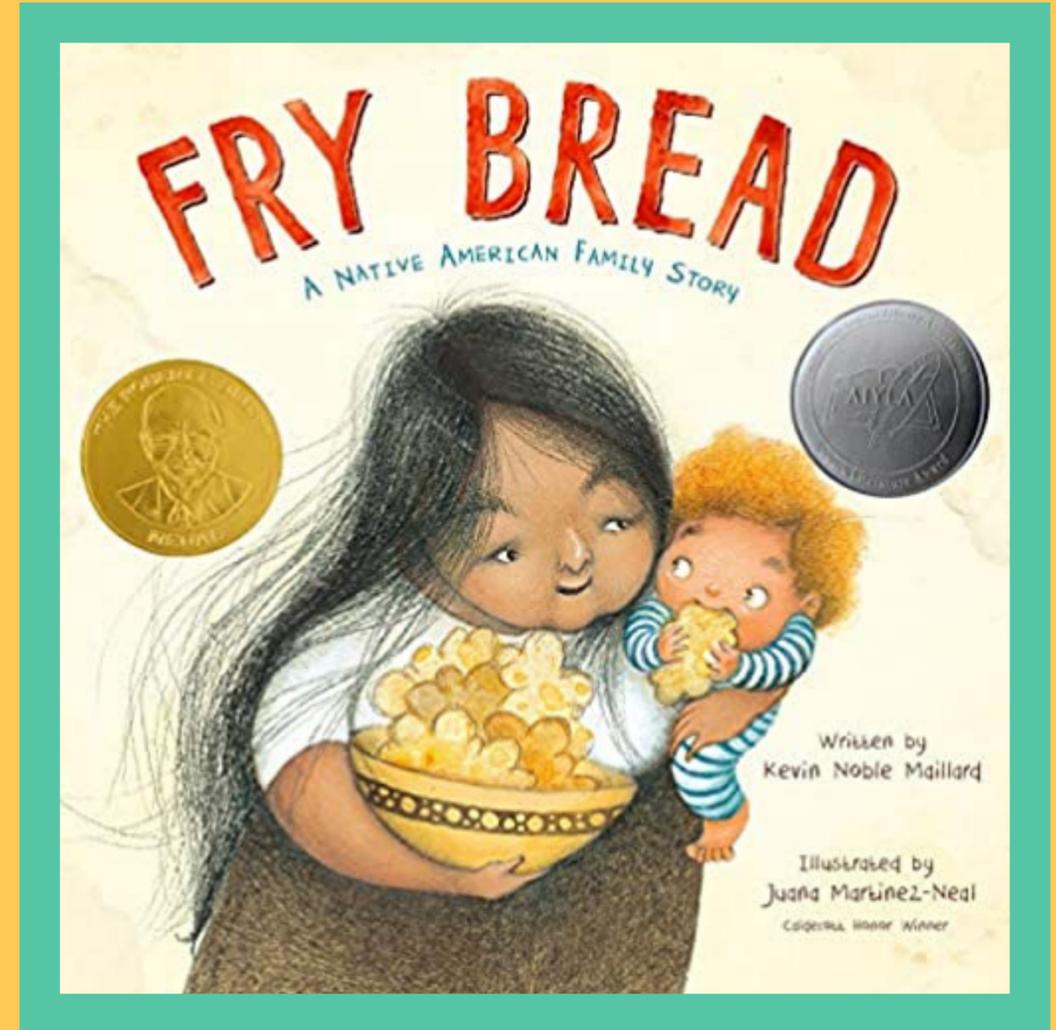
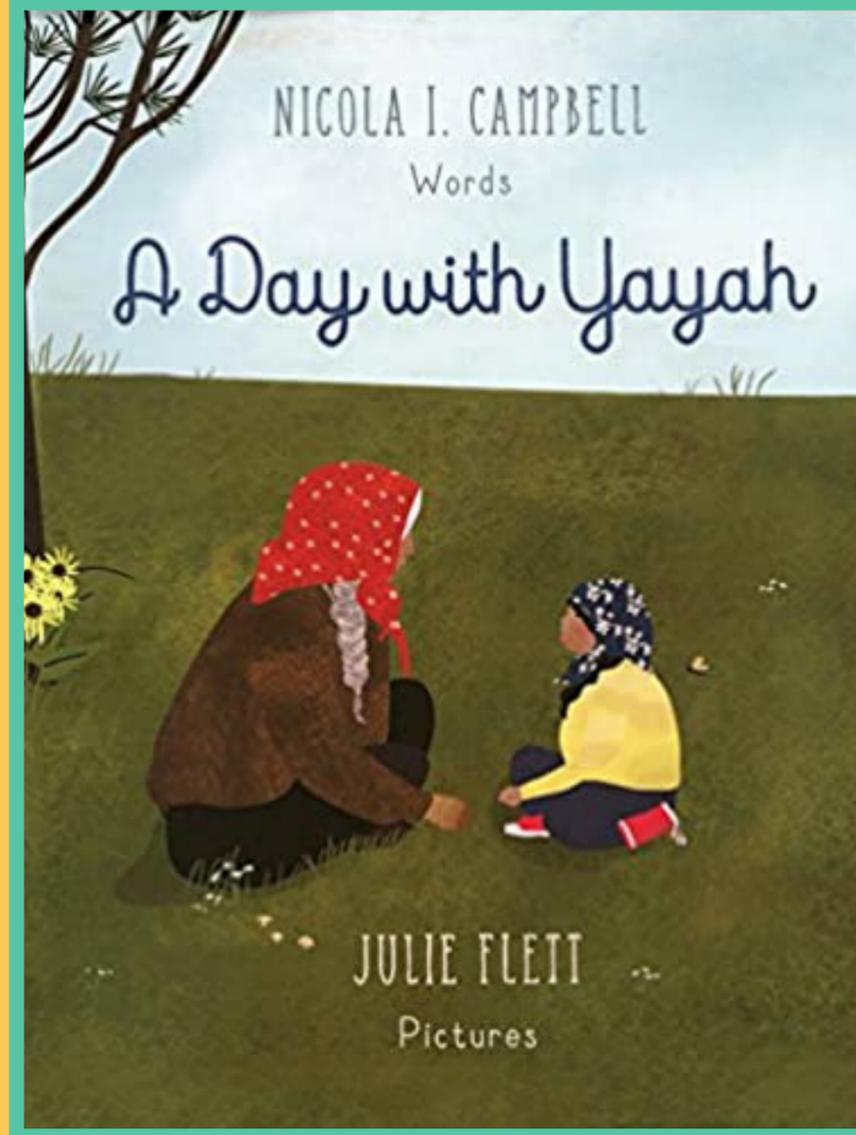
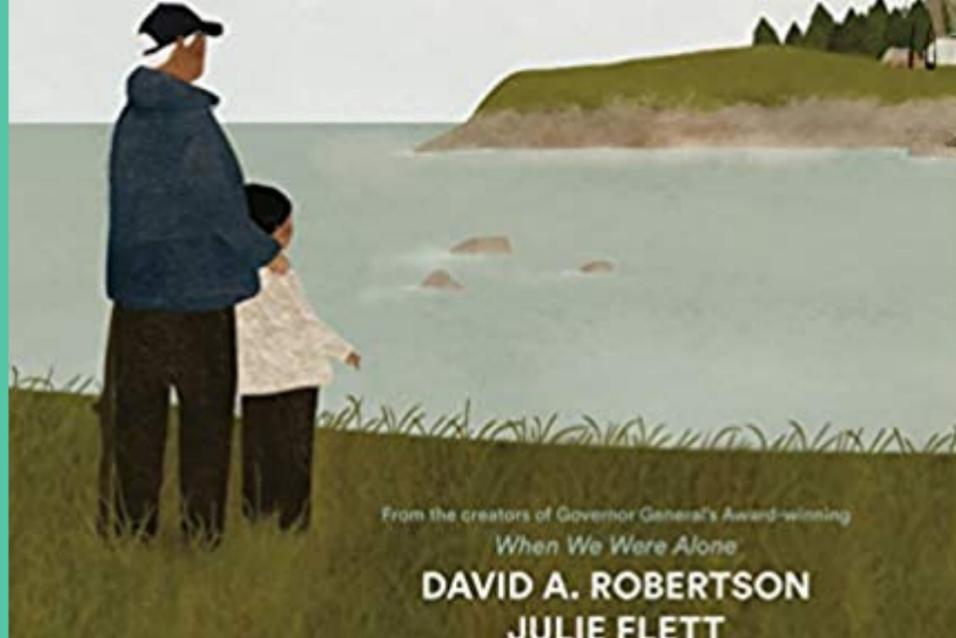
New Nonfiction Books



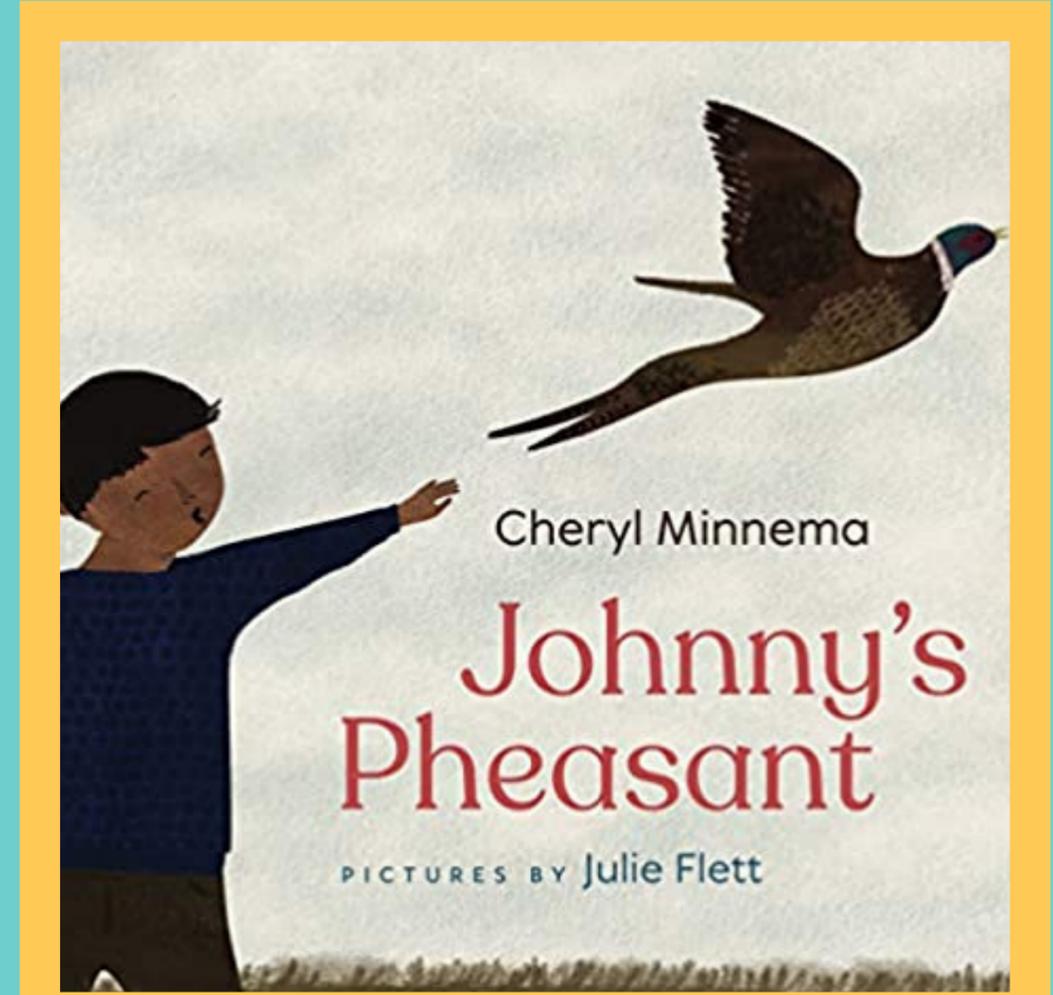
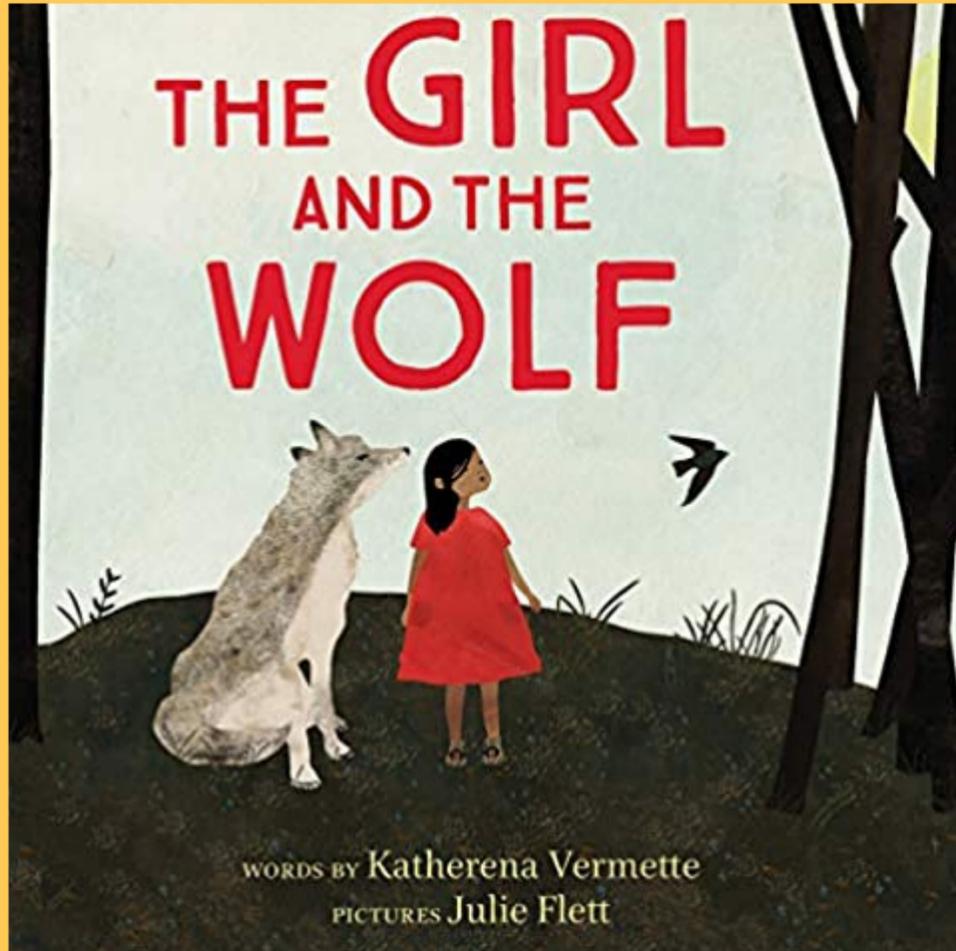
Programming

Families and Love

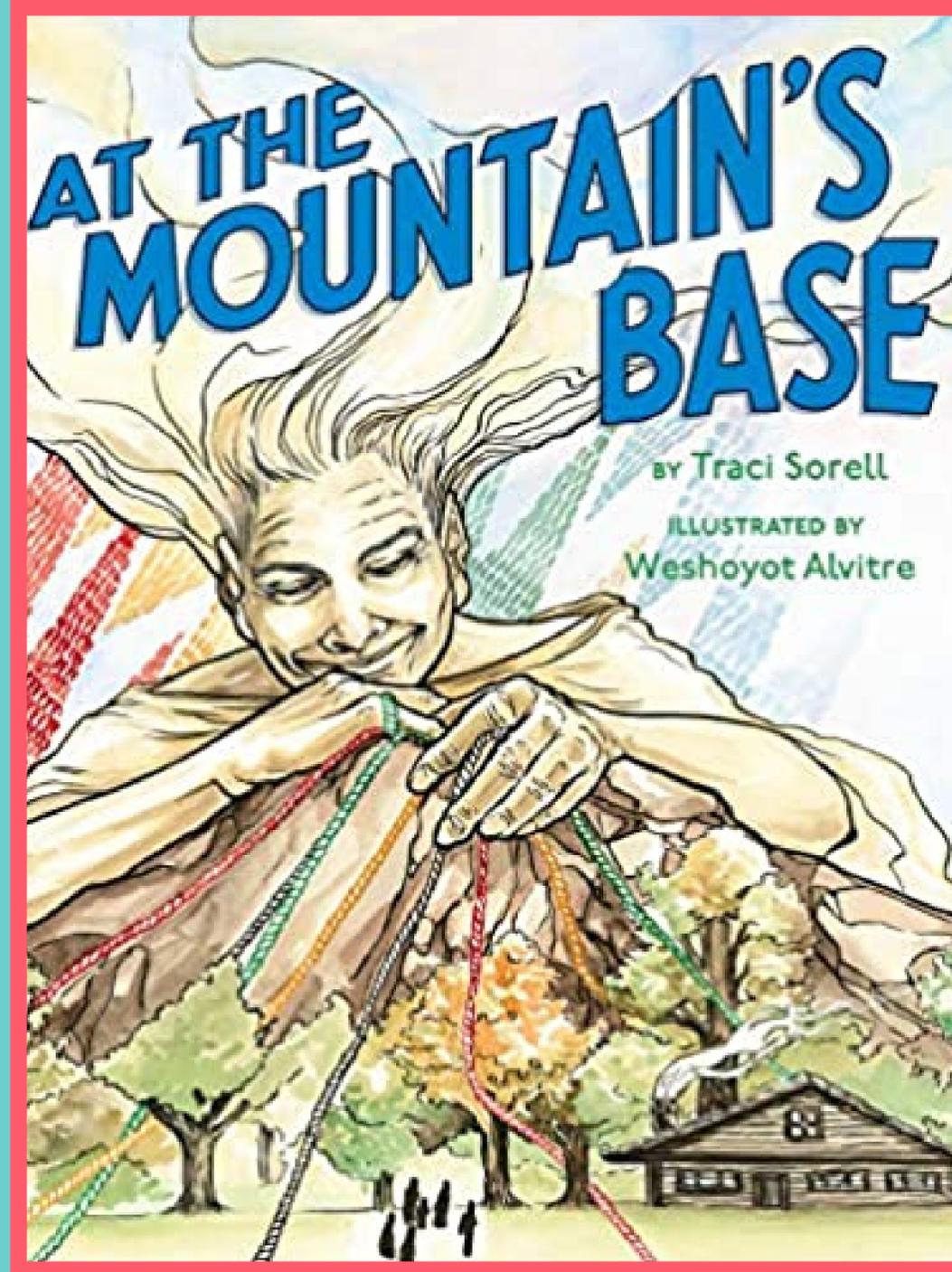
On the Trampoline



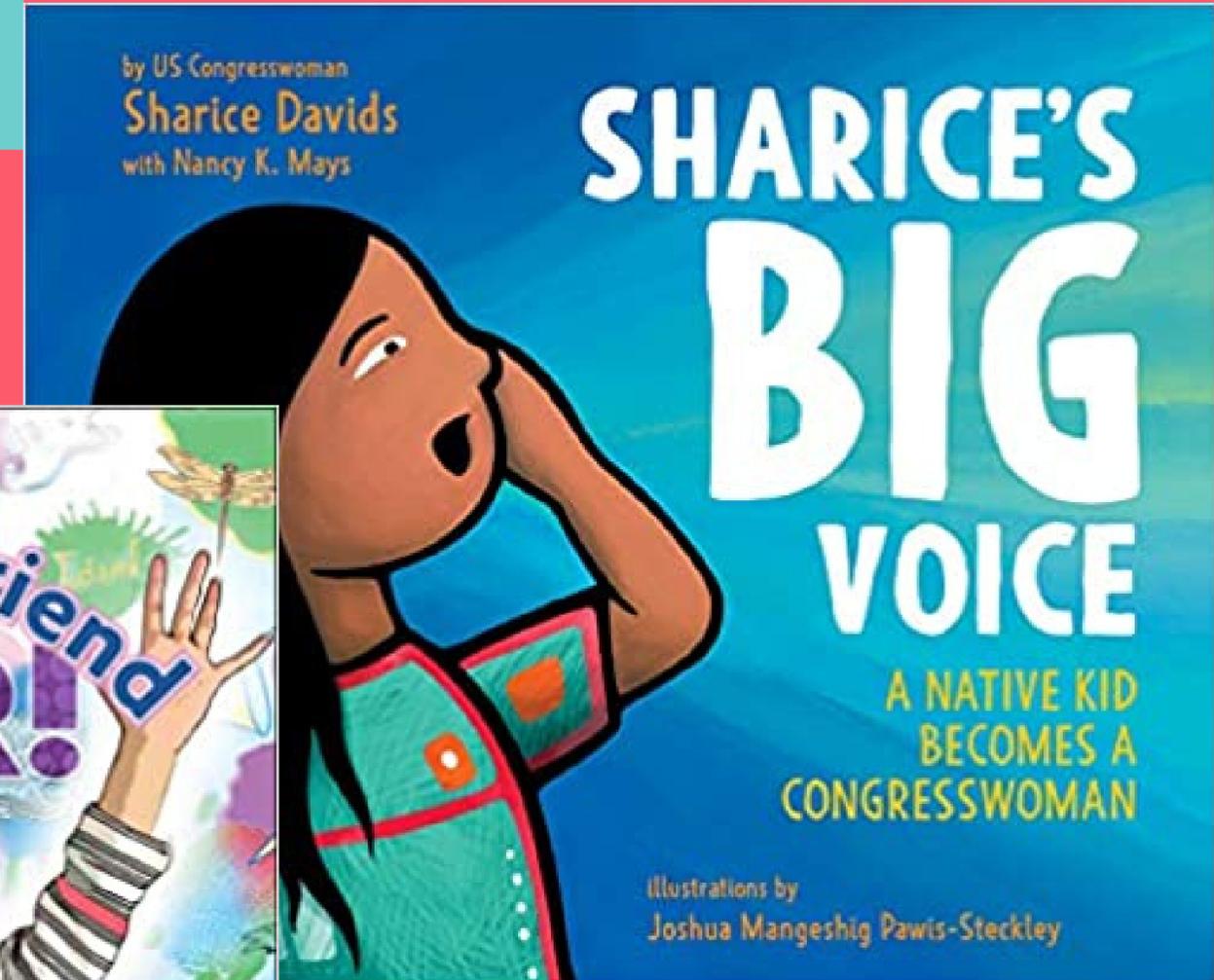
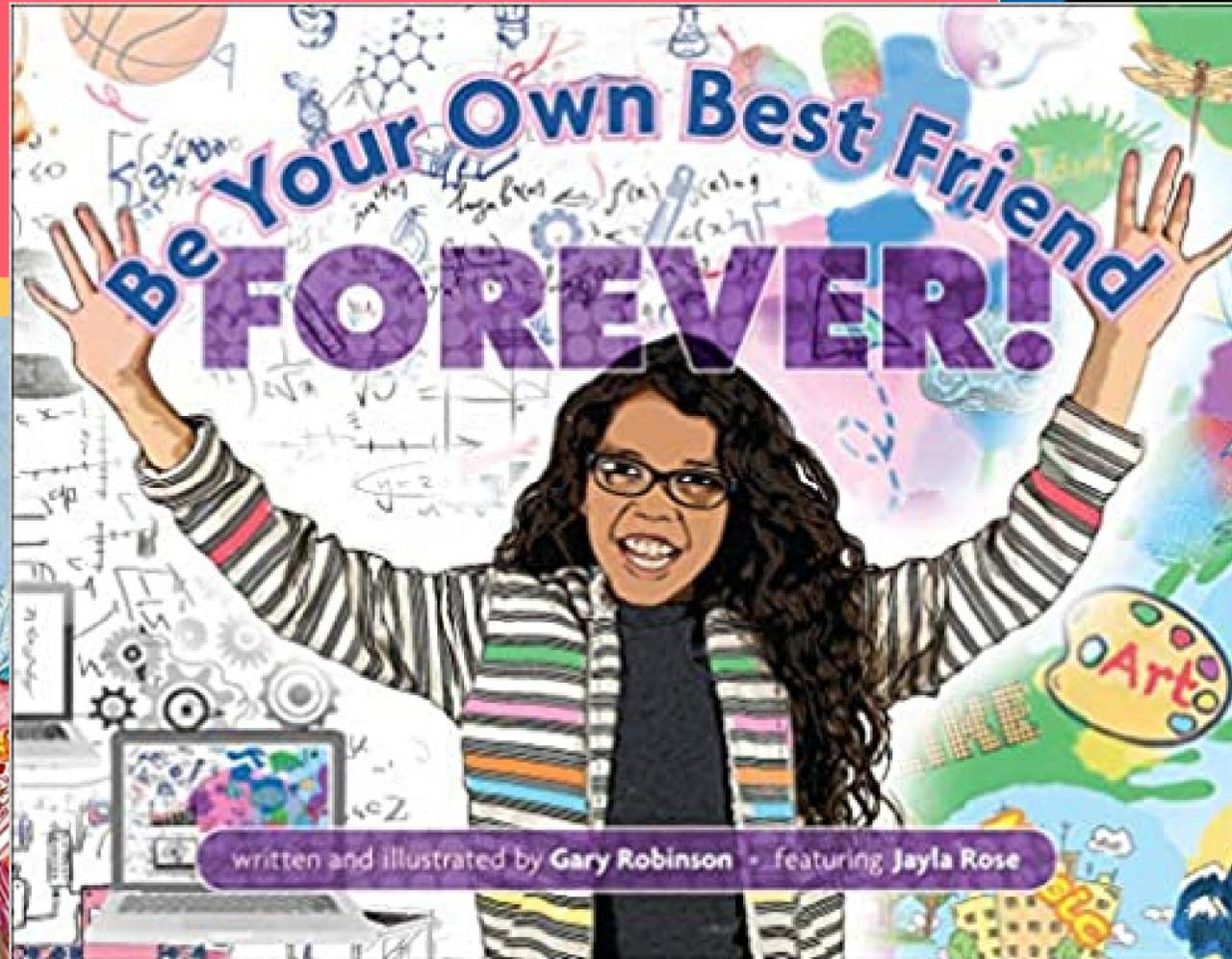
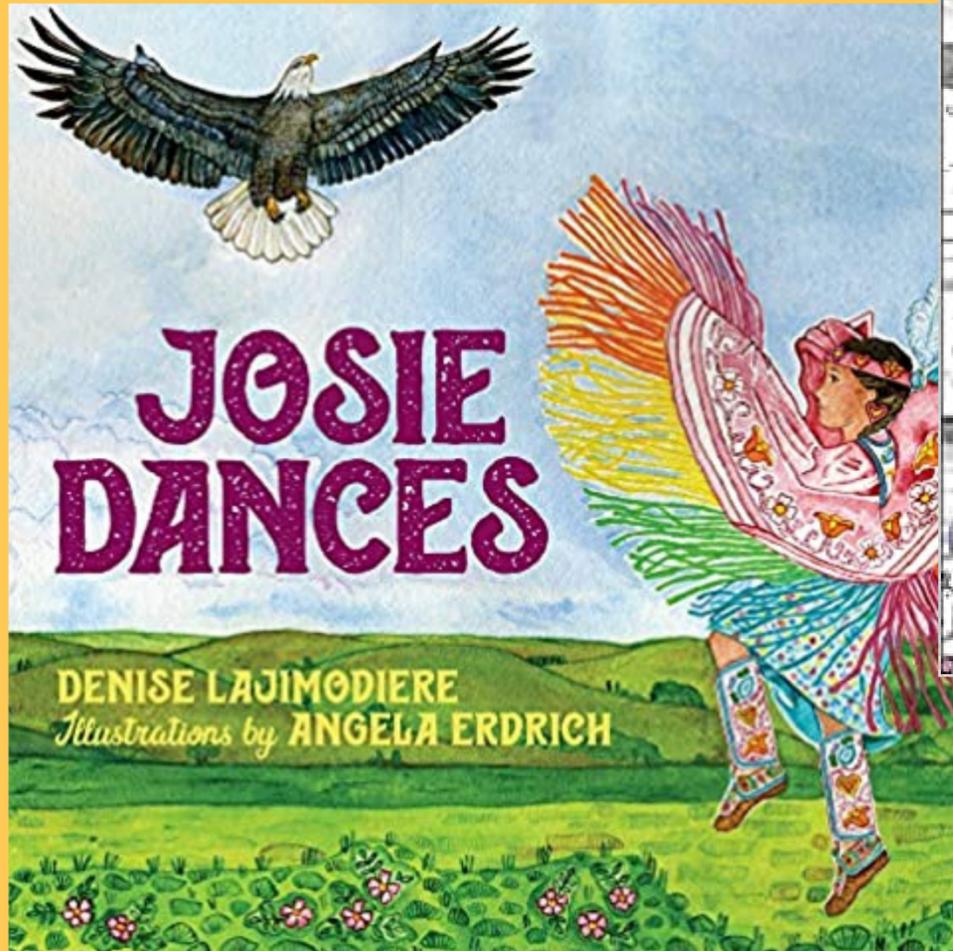
Animals



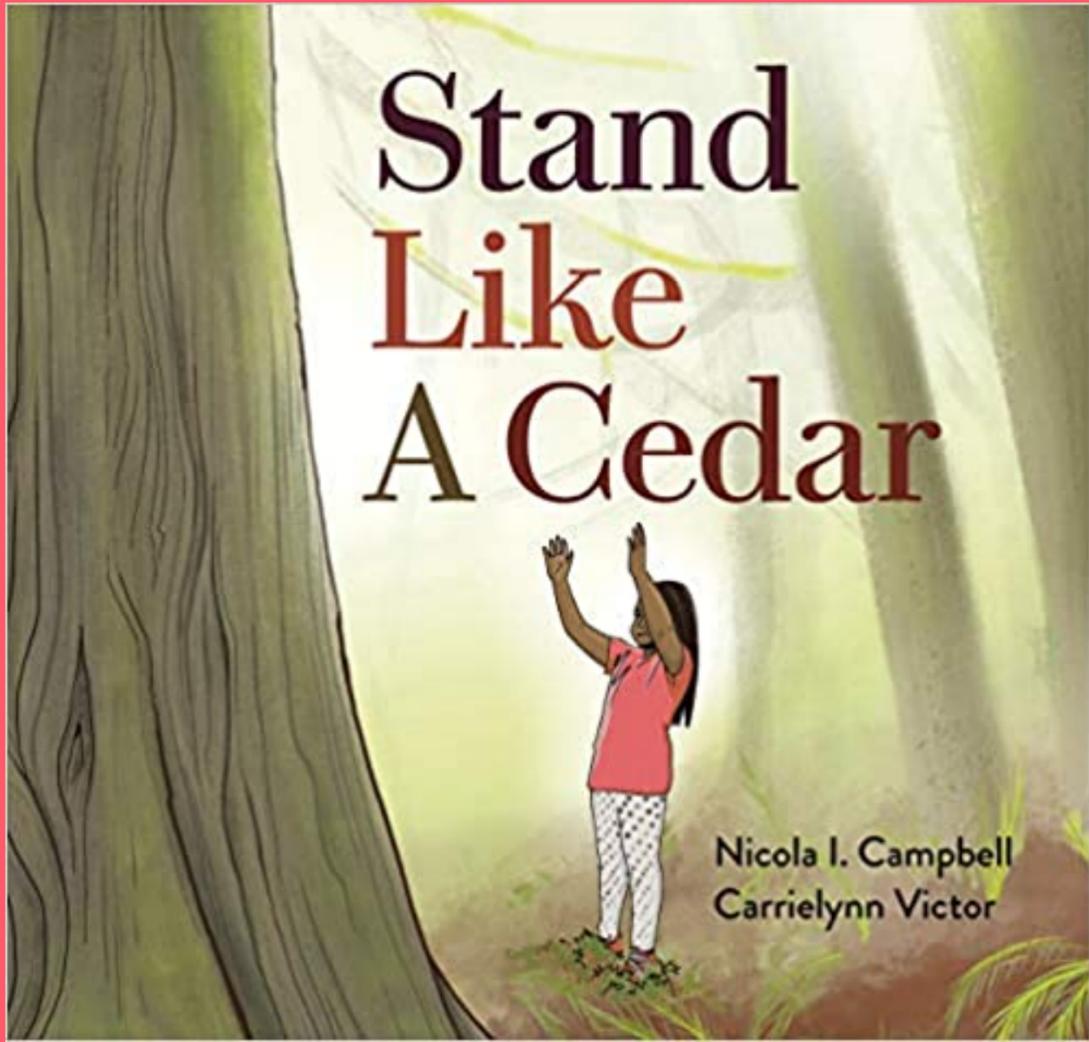
Military/Veterans' Day



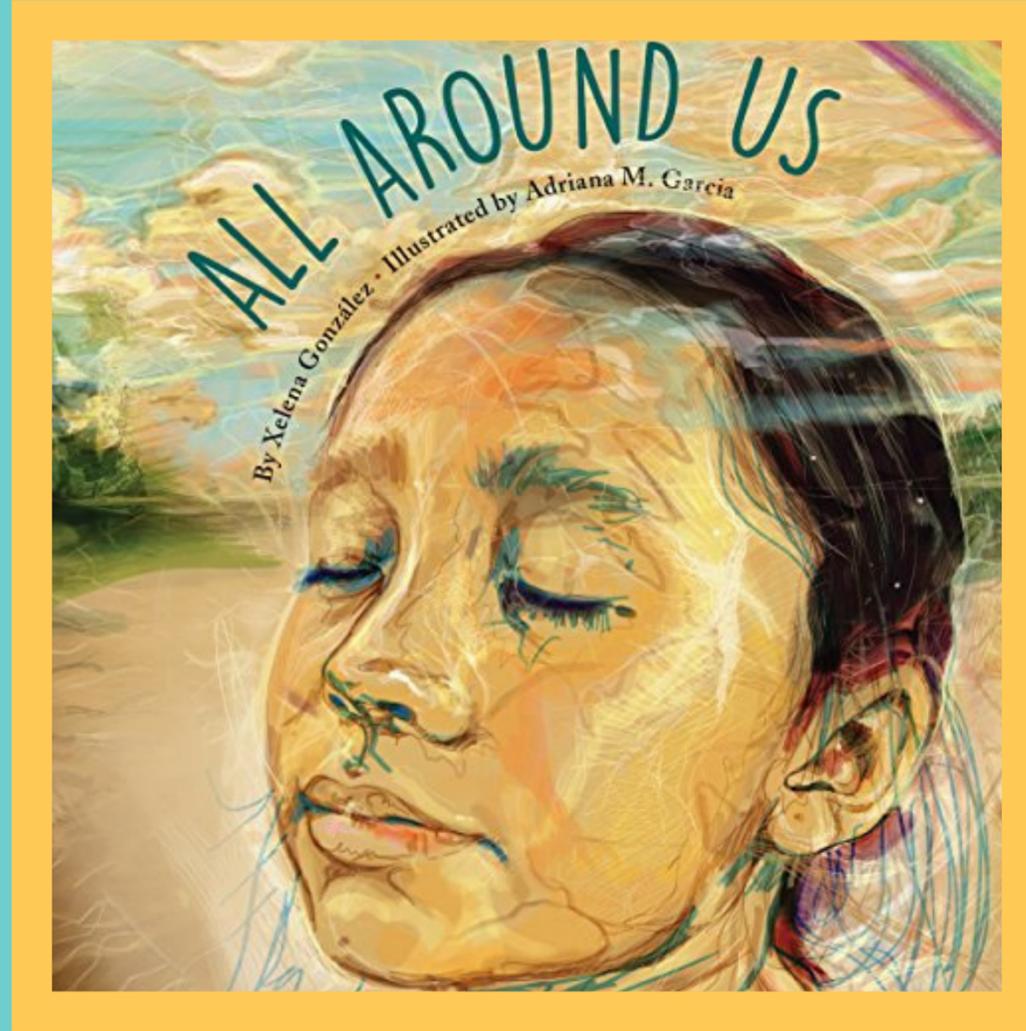
Love/Feelings/Self-Confidence



Nature/Mindfulness



Love
Shapes
Change
Death



Resources

- **American Indian Library Association**
 - **Read Native**
- **American Indian Youth Literature Awards**
- **American Indians in Children's Literature**
- **Heartdrum**
- **Lee & Low Native Booklist**
- **Mandi's Spreadsheet**



Presentations and Webinars

- **Indigenous Voices: Authentic Children's Literature in the Classroom & Library** (May 25th and 26th)
- **Uplifting Native Voices: Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade Discuss “We Are Water Protectors”** (April 21st)
- **We Are Still Here: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know** (April 20th)



Idaho Authors

Authors - Shoshone-Bannock Tribes:

Dr. LaNada War Jack (Jessica James' mother!) – Native Resistance: An Intergenerational Fight for Survival and Life

Mark Trahant – Editor of Indian Country Today and a story in Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes: Nine Indian Writers on the Legacy of the Expedition

Donna Houtz McArthur – When the Smoke Goes Straight Up: Grandfather's Stories

Authors - Coeur d'Alene Tribe:

Caj Matheson

Janet Campbell Hale – The Jailing Cecilia Capture



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